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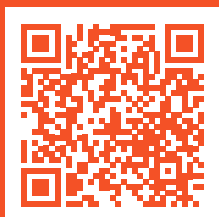
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WELCOME TO THE

# Vancouver Academy of Music

Since 1969, the Vancouver Academy of Music has fostered generations of musicians through an enduring commitment to excellence, creativity, and community. Nestled in the heart of Vanier Park—just moments from downtown Vancouver and steps from the sea—VAM offers a uniquely inspiring setting for students of all ages to explore the transformative power of music.

This summer, our programs continue to build on VAM's rich legacy, welcoming beginners and advanced students alike into an environment shaped by discovery, mentorship, and joy. From our playful early childhood classes to immersive chamber music and orchestral experiences, each program is thoughtfully designed to spark growth and a lifelong love of music.

We invite you to join us this summer and be part of a vibrant musical community that continues to inspire and evolve. Let the music carry you further than you imagined.

Joseph Elworthy  
President & CEO

# Private Lessons

VAM's faculty roster contains internationally recognized educators and Vancouver's leading performers providing expert instruction for all ages and skill levels. VAM lesson packages provide flexibility allowing scheduling at the mutual convenience of the student and teacher.

## PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE FOR:

Bassoon | Cello | Clarinet | Composition | Flute | French Horn | Guitar | Harp  
Oboe | Percussion | Piano | Saxophone | String Bass | Theory | Trombone |  
Trumpet | Tuba | Viola | Violin | Voice

**Lesson Fees:** from \$86 per hour



# Early Music Education

VAM is proud to introduce a comprehensive Early Music Education lineup in our summer program brochure. RCM's Smart Start program is designed specifically for infants and toddlers aged 0-3, fostering early musical development. Additionally, we continue to offer our beloved Music with Friends program, tailored for children aged 3-6, which encourages creativity, collaboration, and the joy of music in a fun and engaging environment.

## SUMMER RCM SMART START

**Instructors:** Chloé Hurst (Department Head)

**Recommended for:** Ages 0-3 years

**Class Dates & Times:** Session I: July 8-11 (Tue-Friday) | Session II: Aug 5-8 (Tue-Friday)

**Ages 0-12 months:** 11:45am-12:30pm (with parent/guardian participation)

**Ages 12-24 months:** 10:45am-11:30am (with parent/guardian participation)

**Ages 2 years:** 1:00pm-1:45pm (with parent/guardian participation)

**Ages 3 years:** 9:30am-10:30am (with parent/guardian participation)

**Fees:** \$100 (Age 0-2) | \$125 (Age 3)

**Class Description:** Experience the blend of culture and language in music education, backed by research for proven results. The Smart Start Program, designed by the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) combines music, movement, and play to enhance early childhood development. It offers play-based classes filled with diverse songs and activities in multiple languages, all backed by over 60 years of neuroscience research. The curriculum targets four key cognitive skills: attention, memory, perception, and cognitive flexibility.



# MUSICIANSHIP FOR KIDS

**Instructors:** Chloé Hurst (Department Head)

**Recommended for:** Ages 4-5 years

**Class Dates & Times:** Session I: July 8-11 (Tue-Friday) | Session II: Aug 5-8 (Tue-Friday)

**Ages 4-5 years:** 2:00-3:00 pm

**Fees:** \$125 per session

**Class Description:** Musicianship for Kids will explore every aspect of music from musicianship (beginner theory), composers from around the world, music history, to the fine detail of the notes, rhythms and instruments that make up our musical landscape. Experience rhythms using a wide variety of percussion instruments and leap from note to note while singing melodies.





# Music with Friends: Summer Sampler

## Ages 3-6

**Instructors:** Chloé Hurst (musicianship); Jonathan Na (violin); Luci Barz (violin); Isabelle Roland (viola); Trisha Doo (cello); Thomas Law (flute); Manuela Chao (piano); Miya Otake (harp)

**Recommended for:** Ages 3-6 years

**Class Dates & Times:** Wednesday July 2 - Friday July 4, 9:00-10:30 am

**Fees:** \$150 per session

**Class Description:** Watch your child discover something new every day as they prepare for the journey of musical instruction! This course is an introduction to a variety of instruments in a sampling of the many opportunities VAM's programs have to offer. Instruments featured in this sampler are: Piano, Violin, Viola, Flute, Cello and Harp!

This class requires parent participation.

# Music with Friends: Instrument-Specific Classes for Ages 3-6

VAM's Music with Friends is a place where children ages 3-6 can explore the joys of creativity, collaboration, fun, and imagination as they embark on the journey of learning a new instrument. This Summer, our concentrated 4-day session is specially crafted to spark young learners' musical journeys, equipping them with essential skills for their future in music, personal growth, and social interaction.

## SUMMER CELLO CUBS

**Instructor:** Trisha Doo

**Class Dates:** Monday July 28 - Friday August 1

**Class Times:** 10:30-11:15am

**Fees:** \$150 per session

**Recommended for:** Students aged 3-6 with no prior cello experience

**Class Description:** Enjoy the rich, warm tones of the cello with our cuddly baby bears in this introduction to one of the low-sounding members of the string family.



## SUMMER FLUTE KITTENS

**Instructor:** Thomas Law

**Class Dates:** Monday July 28 - Friday August 1

**Class Times:** 9:45-10:30am

**Fees:** \$150 per session

**Recommended for:** Students aged 3-6 with no prior flute experience

**Class Description:** Embark on a 'purrfect' introductory journey to the flute with these adorable kitties, setting the stage for your child's musical adventure. This class will focus on creating a strong foundation of effective breath control, tone development, and musicianship.





## SUMMER HARP HAMSTERS

**Instructor:** Miya Otake

**Class Dates:** Monday July 28 - Friday August 1

**Class Times:** 10:30-11:15am

**Fees:** \$150 per session

**Recommended for:** Students aged 3-6 with no prior harp experience

**Class Description:** This class is sure to turn the wheel of inspiration in young ones eager to start a new adventure! Our cheeky friends glide into the basics of the harp, developing musical and social skills in an engaging group setting and equipping your child for success both in and out of the classroom.



## SUMMER PIANO PUPS

**Instructor:** Manuela Chao

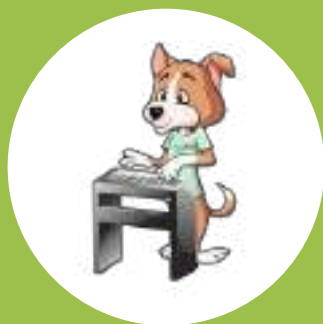
**Class Dates:** Monday July 28 - Friday August 1

**Class Times:** 9:00-9:45am | 9:45-10:30am

**Fees:** \$150 per session

**Recommended for:** Students aged 3-6 with no prior piano experience

**Class Description:** Find a loyal companion in the piano as your child builds a love of music for years to come. Always ready to play, Piano Pups will introduce your child to keyboard geography and technique with fun and interactive repertoire.



## SUMMER VIOLIN DUCKIES

**Instructor:** Jonathan Na ; Luci Barz

**Class Dates:** Monday July 28 - Friday August 1

**Class Times:** 9:00-9:45am | 9:45-10:30am

**Fees:** \$150 per session

**Recommended for:** Students aged 3-6 with no prior violin experience

**Class Description:** Dive into a 'quack-tacular' introduction to the violin with our Violin Duckies class, perfectly tailored for young adventurers eager to begin their musical journey. This engaging course blends the basics of violin with fun, fostering both musical and social skills in a dynamic group setting,



## SUMMER VIOLA BUNNIES

**Instructor:** Isabelle Roland

**Class Dates:** Monday July 28 - Friday August 1

**Class Times:** 9:00-9:45am

**Fees:** \$150 per session

**Recommended for:** Students aged 3-6 with no prior viola experience

**Class Description:** Hop on a musical adventure and explore the viola! The alto voice of the string family is a beloved choice for our long-eared bunny buddies who will be your child's guide as they develop technical skills and play their first repertoire.



# Sea to Sky Chamberfest

Vancouver Academy of Music's Sea to Sky Chamberfest is an intensive, week-long experience in which advanced students are placed into chamber groups and prepare repertoire in a fast-paced environment. Students will have the opportunity to play side-by-side with Chamberfest faculty, who will act as both instructors and performing members of each ensemble, and perform at VAM's Koerner Recital Hall.

**Recommended for:** Students of orchestral instruments and piano, ages 13 and up

**Class Dates:** August 17-24, 2025

**Audition Deadline:** May 1, 11:59pm

**Results Announcement:** Beginning of June

**Application Fee:** \$50

**Tuition Fee:** \$980



# Adult Chamberfest

Vancouver Academy of Music's Adult Sea to Sky Chamberfest is an immersive, month-long program designed for adult musicians looking to refine their artistry in a supportive and collaborative setting. Participants will be placed into chamber groups and enjoy four weekly 90-minute coaching sessions with a selected VAM Faculty, tailored to fit their schedule. As a special highlight, participants will experience one chamber music masterclass with a Visiting Artist. The program culminates in a final performance on the last day of Chamberfest, offering a chance to showcase the growth and camaraderie built throughout the month.

**Recommended for:** Intermediate to advanced adult players

**Instruments:** Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello) and Piano

**Class Dates:** July - August 2025

**Application Deadline:** May 1, 11:59pm

**Program Fee:** \$350



# RCM Theory & History

## Exam Preparation

Join our comprehensive Theory and History Program, designed to fast-track your success in RCM examinations. All course offerings are fully online and tailored for RCM Theory & History certification.

### RCM ACCELERATED THEORY:

#### GRADE 5-8

**Instructor:** Tiffany Lee

**Recommended for:** Students wishing to complete RCM examinations (contact for Evaluation Test to be admitted into the appropriate level)

**Class Dates & Times:** May 21 - Aug 20 (inquire for specific class schedules; all classes are 1-hr. in length)

**Fees:** \$595 (Grade 5) | \$695 (Grade 6-8)

**Class Description:** Master your theory skills with our Accelerated Summer Courses, designed to fulfill all requirements for your RCM theory level. Online RCM exams for Theory 5-7 are optional, but they are highly recommended for students aiming to obtain the RCM comprehensive exam certificate. The RCM Theory 8 exam is mandatory and must be completed either in-person or online.

### RCM ACCELERATED HISTORY:

#### GRADE 9-ARCT

**Instructor:** Tiffany Lee

**Recommended for:** Students wishing to complete RCM required courses. Successful completion of RCM Theory 8 and minimum age of 11 years old (at time of registration) is required.

**Class Dates & Times:** June 1 - Aug 12 (inquire for specific class schedules; all classes are 90-mins. in length)

**Fees:** \$995 (Grade 9-10) | \$1095 (ARCT)

**Class Description:** Dive into the depths of musical history with our Accelerated Summer History Courses, designed to meet the requirements for the RCM online history exam across various levels.

# From Summer to Winter:

## RCM ACCELERATED HARMONY: GRADE 9-10

**Instructor:** Tiffany Lee

**Recommended for:** Students wishing to complete RCM required courses. Successful completion of RCM Theory 8 Exam and minimum age of 12 years old (at time of registration) is required. Contact for Evaluation Test to be admitted into the appropriate level.

**Class Dates & Times:** June 2 - Dec 9 (inquire for specific class schedules; all classes are 1-hr. in length)

**Fees:** \$1,195

**Class Description:** With the use of simplified class materials and thorough in-class examples, learn about chorale harmonization, 2-part counterpoint, modulation to related keys, diatonic sequences, chordal and structural analysis for short pieces. The in-person RCM exam is mandatory and must be completed in order to obtain your comprehensive RCM certificate.

## RCM ACCELERATED ARCT ANALYSIS:

**Instructor:** Tiffany Lee

**Recommended for:** Students wishing to complete RCM required courses. Successful completion of RCM Harmony 10 and minimum age of 12 years old (at time of registration) is required. Contact for Evaluation Test to be admitted into the appropriate level.

**Class Dates & Times:** May 15 - Dec 11 (inquire for specific class schedules; all classes are 1-hr. in length)

**Fees:** \$1,250

**Class Description:** With the use of simplified class materials and thorough in-class examples, learn how to analyze the formal music structures from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern eras. The in-person RCM exam is mandatory and must be completed in order to obtain your comprehensive RCM certificate.



# Summer Orchestra Camps

Dive into a summer of musical adventures with VAM's Orchestral Summer Camp offerings!

Whether you're a young wizard at heart ready to explore the enchanting tunes from Harry Potter, or a budding musician eager to master the basics in our Head Start Band Intro, there's a magical experience waiting for you. For our older enthusiasts, immerse yourself in the heroic melodies of the Marvel Universe, bringing your favorite characters to life through music.

## SUMMER POPCORN ORCHESTRA: MUSIC FROM HARRY POTTER

**Instructor:** Joseph Elworthy

**Recommended for:** Ages 7-12 years | RCM 1+ / Suzuki 2+

**Class Dates & Times:** July 7-11, 10:00am-3:00pm

**Fees:** \$490

**Class Description:** Cinematic sounds come to life as VAM's acclaimed Orchestral Program brings the big screen to the stage! Discover the orchestra's magical role in storytelling that culminates in a performance of music from the Harry Potter films.



# SUMMER POPCORN ORCHESTRA: MUSIC FROM THE AVENGERS

**Instructor:** Ellen Marple

**Recommended for:** Ages 10-15 years | RCM 4+ / Suzuki 3+

**Class Dates & Times:** July 21-25, 10:00am-3:00pm

**Fees:** \$490

**Class Description:** Join our Marvel Camp for a thrilling musical quest, blending film scoring, sightreading, and live performance. Delve into the art of creating themes, master sightreading to swiftly bring scores to life, and perform the iconic Marvel movie themes. Unleash your inner hero through music at VAM!







# Summer Opera Camp

Unleash your imagination through the magic of opera! Opera Camp is a dynamic, week-long adventure where students dive into the world of storytelling through music, drama, and design. From writing and composing to singing, acting, directing, and even painting sets—every camper plays a part in bringing an original production to life.

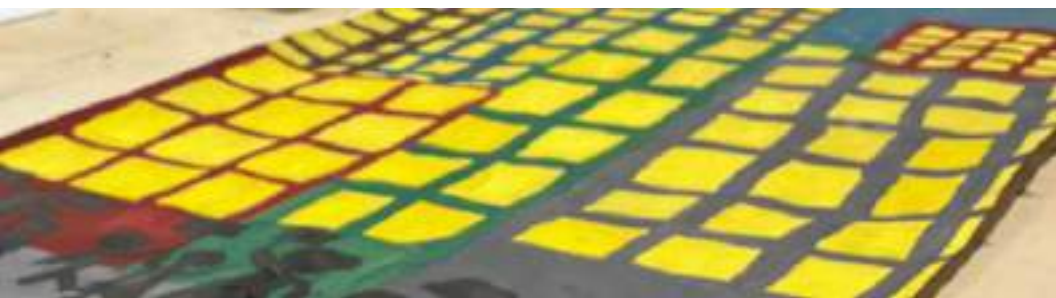
**Instructor:** Eve-Lyn de la Haye, Holly Collis-Hanford

**Recommended for:** Ages 8-16 years

**Class Dates & Times:** July 7-11; Daily schedule to be announced

**Fees:** \$400

**Class Description:** Designed for curious and creative minds, this camp offers a fun and supportive environment to explore multiple artistic roles. Along the way, students build confidence, collaboration skills, and the courage to express their ideas—on stage and beyond.



# VAM Faculty

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# Summer Registration and School Policies

**REGISTRATION:** Register online at [vam.ca](http://vam.ca); tuition must be paid in full upon registration to secure enrolment. Please note, unpaid registrations risk forfeiting their place to another participant.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** Payment may be made by cash, cheque, VISA, or MasterCard. A \$35 service charge will be applied for any returned cheques.

**PRIVATE LESSONS:** Lessons are offered:

- During summer session dates of July - August
- Scheduling is decided based on the mutual convenience of the teacher and student
- A trial lesson may be scheduled based on the hourly lesson fee rates

**LESSON ATTENDANCE:**

**Student Absences:** Missed lessons by the student will only be made up under special circumstances at the discretion of the teacher.

**Instructor Absences:** If an instructor is absent, every effort will be made to reschedule the lesson at a time that is suitable for both the instructor and student. If the instructor is unable to make up a lesson, the student will receive a refund or credit to be applied to future lessons or classes.

**MINIMUM ENROLMENT:** Courses listed in this brochure may not be available if they do not meet the minimum requirement of enrolment.

**CHANGING INSTRUCTORS:** It is highly recommended that students do not change instructors during the middle of a term. In such cases, the CEO must grant approval before any transfer can be made.

**WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS:**

**Group Classes:** A full refund/credit will be granted when withdrawing prior to the start of the program. There will be no refunds/credits granted for those withdrawing after the start of class. If a student's behaviour is deemed consistently disruptive to a class, the instructor will have the right to deny entry to the class after consultation with the parents.

**Private Lessons:** If a student wishes to withdraw from private lessons during the summer session, two weeks' notice is required both to the Instructor and the Director of Enrolment.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

- Security cameras located in interior hallways and exterior doorways
- Private security patrol
- First aid trained staff on site

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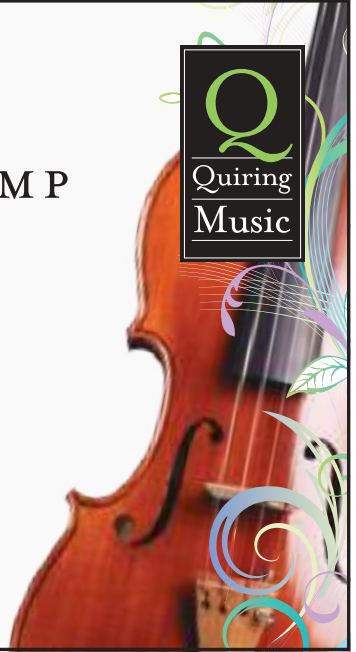
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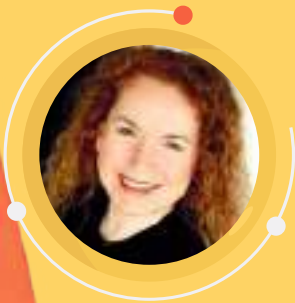
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